

Czechoslovakia
Foundry Equipment Status
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1. Czechoslovakia has never been known as a large producer of foundry equipment. Special machines of this type were acquired by purchasing them abroad. Up until 1949, [REDACTED] molding machines, sandlingers, sand mixers and shotblasting chambers had caused somewhat of a bottleneck because of their scarcity during the first Czechoslovakian Five Year Plan, 1948-53. Perhaps this difficulty has been overcome. The nationalized industrial plant TRNAVA, [REDACTED], was planning at that time to build a foundry with an annual capacity of 8,000 tons. Mr. (fmu) Blumenstangel, a Communist, who is a specialist in this field was sent by the plant to Germany to procure equipment for the projected factory. Actually the real obstacle for the procurement of equipment are the hard currencies. Had Czechoslovakia the needed amount of dollars, she could always buy needed equipment directly or through "neutral" countries.
2. Die casting machines of a very good quality were produced in Czechoslovakia even before World War II. The invention of these machines is credited to Mr. O. Pollak of Prague who developed them between 1932 and 1938. [REDACTED] on several occasions and knew that he received orders from all over the world. Pollak died in 1940 and sometime after 1945 his machines were further developed by a Mr. (fmu) Vitavsky. [REDACTED] doubt that there is any shortage of die casting machines in Czechoslovakia.
3. Molding machines, sandlingers, sandmixers and shotblasting chambers are also relatively simple to make and can be copied from foreign machines and their construction in Czechoslovakia is not a great problem.
4. Simple machines for the foundry industry are being produced by small factories all over the country. More complicated machines are imported from Germany, France, Switzerland and Sweden.

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